

hall. What this bill simply does is provide the technical community colleges will be provided with access to indemnity, the same as, and be treated the same as any other school board, any other school board in the state. Most school boards, as you know, are all elected just as the technical community colleges and some quirk in the law provides that they should be considered separate and distinct from the other school boards as it applies to indemnity. And this bill simply provides that they will be treated the same as all other school boards in the state. I'll try to answer any questions you might have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Any discussion? Any discussion? Any closing statement, Senator Lynch?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, sir.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I then propose the question, shall LB 285 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 285.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 285 is advanced. Before proceeding to the next bill, I'd like to announce that Senator Peterson has some guests in the north balcony. They are 12 seniors from Norfolk High School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. We appreciate your visiting your Legislature today. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 329 introduced by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was referred on January 15, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Ron Withem.

SENATOR WITHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, just to point out that this is the fourth bill we have heard this morning on consent calendar. All of these are Education Committee bills. I point that out so that you will realize that the Education Committee deals with only noncontroversial matters, and in future weeks what education bills come onto the floor, you will treat them as consent calendar bills, and we certainly appreciate your indulgence this morning. 329, the